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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3152

House Committee 3152,

Being a born and raised Oregonian I am disappointed that you will drive up the cost of utilities as I am retiring. Being on a fixed income will not allow me to afford to replace any appliances with electricity and also the cost of electricity is more expensive than the cost of heating with natural gas. Central Oregon cannot compare the costs of heating with gas vs electricity, and calling electricity affordable is a joke. Lower income people cannot afford to heat with electricity. Please slow down and do not ruin Oregon like Washington and California are doing. The science just isn't there to back all these progressive steps. Let's back up and look at what is achievable without pushing the lower income class to move to another state. Why not work with the utility companies to help find solutions such as renewable natural gas by using the methane from each and every dumpsite, dairy farmyard, generating and putting that back into gas pipelines. Why alienate the utility companies and force them to raise rates. Do you think that the gas emissions fines being imposed will not be passed onto the rate payors and drive up the costs? Sure, it will. Do you think every Oregonian can afford to replace their natural gas appliances with electric appliances. Let's play nice. Thank you

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 3152.

This bill will eliminate my option to choose the type of energy I want in my home by eliminating a critical source of funding for the replacement of natural gas appliances.

The bill will effectively change the mission of the Energy Trust of Oregon, who delegates these funds to low-income communities, from fuel-agnostic, energy-efficiency provider to electric-only by prohibiting ratepayer money from going to fossil fuel efficiency measures.

Natural gas is a critical energy source for many Oregonians and allows us to maintain a quality of life. By eliminating the use of ratepayer dollars for line extensions, the legislature is making it harder for natural gas to remain affordable and dependable for many Oregonians - including our most vulnerable communities throughout the state - and displaces hundreds of good quality careers that depend on the industry for jobs.

Lastly, the bill delegates very broad powers to the PUC to do whatever it is they must do to reach climate targets. The PUC is able to do the more robust work needed to properly investigate, justify and implement energy planning proposals. Their role is

already well-defined and they do not need anymore powers than they already have to reach out climate goals for our great State of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and please vote no on HB 3152 (a bill that threatens energy choice and ignores equitable climate outcomes). Jill Vanlanduyt